

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.013]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### Theodore Lacaff Diaries

*Abstract:* Personal diaries and two photographs of and from Theodore Lacaff, member of the Capitol Commission.

*Extent:* 1/10 cubic feet

*Physical Description:* Paper; photographs

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* TIFs of the postcards

*Access Restrictions:* None

*Publication Restrictions:* None

*Preferred Citation:* [item description], [date]; *Theodore Lacaff Diaries*, Record Group 998.013; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

*Acquisition Information:* Gift; Accession #1976-0049

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### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Theodore Lacaff (1845-1928) was a contractor from Nevada, Missouri. He received a contract from the State in 1885 to build a new state hospital in Nevada. Five years later he was the contractor for buildings on the Stephens College campus in Columbia, Missouri. Most notably he served on the Capitol Commission Board during the construction of the new Capitol Building.

### ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

## Related Collections

MS006 Edwin William Stephens Collection  
MS027 Thomas Garfield Cooper Photograph Collection  
MS066 Peter Herman Rackers Photograph Collection  
MS111 Ralph Miller Capitol Fire Photograph Collection  
MS163 Blanche Leach Capitol Dedication Scrapbook  
MS268 New Capitol Day Collection  
MS313 Van Gundy Photograph Collection  
MS314 Tom Sater Capital City Collection  
MS321 James C. Worth Photograph Collection  
MS441 Alfred A. Speer Capitol Collection  
RG395 State Capitol Commission Board  
RG395 State Capitol Commission Board Photographs  
RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission  
RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission Photographs  
RG396 Capitol Decoration Commission

Ball, Jeffrey L. The Missouri Murals: A History of the Decorations for the State Capitol.  
University of Missouri-Columbia Dissertation: 1997. Call No. R 725.11 B2101

Edelman, Nancy. The Thomas Hart Benton Murals in the Missouri State Capitol: A Social History of the State of Missouri. Jefferson City: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 1978. Call No. R 759.13 Ed276

The Missouri State Capitol: A Collection of Information about Its Architectural Design.  
Jefferson City: Missouri Senate, 1979. Call No. R 725.11 M6918

Summers, Joseph S. Jr. The Day the Capitol Burned. Jefferson City, MO: CeMoMedServ Publications, 1986. (On the Cole County shelf in Reference.)

## Additional External Resources

Priddy, Bob and Jeffrey Ball. The Art of the Missouri Capitol: History in Canvas, Bronze, and Stone. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011.

## DIARIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, 1894-1918

*Extent:* 1/10 cubic feet

*Arrangement:* Chronological

### Scope and Content

Lacaff's early diaries mostly contain fiscal notes, small observations on the weather and daily activities. Later diaries contain remarks on the Capitol Commission Board and its progress and activities.

\*The postcards are available as tif images on Manuscript DVD #1 in the Reference Room.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	3	2	Diary No. 1 (1894-1900) containing fiscal notes with a few personal observations on the last few pages	1894-1900
	3	2	Diary No. 2 (1894-1900) containing observations on the political climate and news clippings	1894-1900
	3	2	Diary (1907) containing notes on the weather and what he is working on that day	1907
	3	3	Diary No. 1 (1911) containing personal and professional notes	1911
	3	3	Diary No. 2 (1911) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1911
	3	3	Diary (1912) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1912
	3	4	Diary (1913-1914) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1913-1914
	3	4	Diary (1915) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1915
	3	5	Diary (1916) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1916
	3	5	Diary (1917) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1917
	3	5	Diary (1918) containing personal and professional notes, including remarks on the Capitol Building	1918
	3	6*	Two photo postcards of the Capitol groundbreaking ceremony	05/06/1913